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MEMORANDUM FOR: Area Division Chiefs

SUBJECT : Dependents Briefing and Orientation

1. It has come to my attention that the Clandestine Services are not taking full advantage of the Dependents Briefings. I consider these briefings to be an integral and important part of our routine processing and preparation of personnel for life and service overseas.
2. The particular purpose of the Dependents Briefing is to provide adult dependents with current information and guidance closely affecting their personal adjustment as CIA dependents to overseas situations, effective cover and security practices, and personal and family health and medical problems. Ample opportunity is offered for questions and candid discussions.
3. These Dependents Briefings complement the basic, Central Processing Branch (CPB) travel procedures. Additional and more specific country or area orientation also is available to dependents as well as to employees in the Americans Abroad Orientation (AAO) courses offered by the Office of Training. Detailed information on courses and schedules is made available through the division training officers.
4. You are asked to take necessary action in your respective divisions to see to it that as many adult dependents as possible attend

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the Dependents Briefing prior to departure overseas. In addition, dependents and staff personnel who have not traveled to a particular area before or who have not had an opportunity to acquire area knowledge at their desks should also be scheduled for the appropriate "AAO" course.

5. These measures are consistent with current NSC directives and OCB recommendations with respect to effectiveness of United States personnel overseas.

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